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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL DIRECTIVE
COORDINATION OF COLLECTION ACTIVITIES

1. The following overall policies and objectives are established by the National Security Council for the interdepartmental coordination of collection activities so that measures may be taken promptly to effect sound and efficient utilization of the various departmental overseas collecting and reporting services:

a. There shall be an allocation of responsibilities within the following broad categories for collection of all types of foreign intelligence:

Political	State Department
Cultural	State Department
Sociological.	State Department
Military	Army Department
Naval	Navy Department
Air	Air Force
Economic	} Each agency in accordance with its respective needs
Scientific.	

b. Intelligence information and material regardless of the collector, shall, wherever possible, be transmitted immediately to the field representative of the agency most concerned. However, the collector may also send copies to his own agency.

c. The senior U.S. representative in each foreign area where the United States maintains a foreign service post shall be responsible for the coordination of all collection activities in his area and the proper implementation of that coordination within the spirit of the principles enumerated herein.

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1. The collecting and reporting facilities of each of the agencies will be utilized so as to avoid unproductive duplication and uncoordinated overlap and insure that full flow of intelligence material necessary for all departments.

2. There shall be free and unrestricted interdepartmental exchange of intelligence information and intelligence to meet the recognized secondary need of each department for intelligence usually prepared or obtained by other departments. At present this Directive is interpreted to apply only to those departments represented by the permanent members of the Intelligence Advisory Committee.

3. Full consideration shall be given in the implementation of these established overall policies and objectives to a full utilization of the individual initiative and favorable contacts of collecting agents.

4. No interpretation of these established overall policies and objectives shall negate the basic principle that all departmental representatives abroad are individually responsible for the appropriate transmission to Washington of all intelligence material of possible usefulness to the effective accomplishment of the national intelligence mission which may come into their possession.

5. The Director of Central Intelligence shall act for the National Security Council in coordination with our several intelligence agencies to insure the full and proper implementation and execution of the above established policies and objectives.

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